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# Two Gala Debutante Parties Are on the Way

AS the holiday moves full speed ahead, the Treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest has issued invitations for a small dance in honor of her debutante daughter, Nancy Ellen.

The party will be on Dec. 19, at the Carlton Hotel, where several seasons ago Nancy's sister, Pat — now married — made her bow to society at a similar party. Nancy, also following in her sister's steps, was Regatta Queen last autumn.

Another gala debutante function before Christmas, will be the Annual Washington Debutante Ball, Dec. 21, at the Mayflower Hotel.

There are several joint debut balls each season in Washington, but this is reputedly the most socially elite. Only 24 of the season's debutantes are included, which in our growing town is ultra-pared down!

The ball will be preceded by a dinner for the debs, their escorts, and their parents, with few outsiders asked to even watch the progress of the party. Some of the chosen debutantes are second and even third generation Washingtonians; some are fairly newcomers. But all must measure up to specifications set by a committee of parents.

## MODERN GROUP

A very modern group this is; 21 of the girls are college or junior college students, who will sandwich some very gay days and nights into their holidays, returning to their books and baggy sweaters after three weeks of drifting tulle ball gowns, dainty trappings, and youthful flirtations.

Alphabetically the select 24 are:

Jae Barlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Barlow; Susan Bragdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bragdon; Belinda Breese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Breese; Abigail Brown, daughter of Mrs. P. Brett Brown; Valerie Elbrick, daughter of U. S. Ambassador and Mrs. C. Burke Elbrick; Sheila Farr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Farr; Jennifer Fitch, daughter of Brig. Gen. Burdette Fitch and Mrs. E. Fontaine

Broun; Diana Hardin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lauriston Hardin, Jr.; Ann Kauffmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Kauffmann; Charlotte Kidder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph A. Kidder; Florence Marshall; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marshall III; Susan McCammon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCammon III.

Others who are included in the group:

Cynthia McCune, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William S. McCune; Leith McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale McLean; Angela Mead, daughter of Mrs. Frank Mead, Jr.; Linda Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Merrill; Patience Sanger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanger; Janet Spencer, daughter of former D. C. Commissioner and Mrs. Samuel Spencer; Melza Van Roijen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Roijen; Nerissa Vom Baur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Vom Baur; Kathleen Von Schrader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Atreus Von Schrader; Nancy Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson; Evelyn Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Watts; Marian Wright, daughter of Adm. and Mrs. Jerauld Wright.

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